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How Deboe Got There

Secret History of the Kentucky Contest.

PRACTICAL POLITICAL PLOTS USED.

A Struggle Which Grew out of the Jealousy of Two Leaders and Lasted Nearly Two Years.

Cincinnati Enquirer.
Now that Hon. W. J. Deboe is a member of the foremost deliberative body of America and the Senatorial struggle has become history, some of the inside facts of one of the longest contests on record from a most interesting review.

The fight which ended last Wednesday date from the gubernatorial campaign of 1895, when Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, sometimes termed the "Gun Shoe Statesman," was chairman of the Republican campaign committee. As a candidate for governor Bradley did his own running. His ability as a stump and the fortunate opportunity furnished by Democratic dissensions, gave him a vast advantage in the race toward which his ambition had inclined him for years. This condition of affairs left the chairman of the executive committee free to use money and machine influence in another direction.

How he did so is a curious chapter in the political history of Kentucky. Early in the campaign an establishment known as the Louisville Novelty company opened an office on one of the main thoroughfares of the Kentucky metropolis. This was Dr Hunter's private political bureau. It was maintained at the expense of the Republican campaign funds, and its dark secret operations ate up plenty of money. Soon after the Louisville Novelty company opened its office an unwonted activity was noticed in counties ordinarily considered hopeless, from a Republican standpoint. The whole tendency of this novel movement was to secure the election of Republican legislators. The contest for State offices was carried on through the regular party organization. The Louisville Novelty company had but one end. That was to obtain votes for W. Godfrey Hunter for United States Senator.

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mighty influence through his prerogatives in the matter of patronage. Jealousy, pure and simple, is the only logical cause for the enmity which then arose between Bradley and Hunter.

The legislature assembled to elect Blackburn's successor. The roll call showed 68 Democrats, 68 Republicans, and 2 Populists. Fourteen Democrats stood for the gold standard and bolted Blackburn after the count had nominated him. Hunter won the nomination in the Republican caucus with no very great opposition. With two more votes he could become the first Republican representative from Kentucky in the Senate of the United States. He had foreseen the situation and made strenuous efforts through secret efforts to obtain pledges from the two Populists. And here is a remarkable fact. So had William J. Deboe, the man who, with Bradley's assistance, was elected last Wednesday.

A HUNDRED TO ONE SHOT.
At that time to mention Deboe as a possibility for the place was to be ridiculed. Only one thing could have justified him in hoping to win. That was a confidential assurance of assistance from some influential source, and he probably had it.

The balloting went on in the state house. Hunter could get the Republican strength and no more. The Blackburn cohorts were immovable. The gold Democrats were willing to defeat the man they had assisted in nominating; but they would have none of Dr. Hunter. The two Populists stood to Blackburn as the man who more nearly represented their principles than any other candidate. Then came the death of Isaac Wilson, a Democratic representative, and 62 votes only were needed to elect. Money was offered in fabulous sums for the necessary defection of one Democrat. The Blackburn men kept on ceasing vigil upon the doubtful ones. Here it was that Jack Chin and Eph Lillard made their appearance in the fight. Here it was that Perry Haley discovered the celebrated series of holes through which Republicans, from a Republican standpoint, could caucus secretly in the most mysterious manner. The Blackburn men were in possession of every Republican confidence almost before it was uttered. Despite the common prediction that the Democrat who deserted would never leave Frankfort alive, Dr. Hunter hoped, and the opposition—known and unknown—feared with every ballot. Then it was that Bradley struck Hunter down for the first time. A signed paper, in which Dr. Hunter pledged himself to favor the free and unopposed coming of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 was presented to the notice of the joint assembly by a Republican, who was afterward appointed to the appellate bench by Gov. Bradley. That ended Hunter's first candidacy. A presidential campaign was approaching and he was altogether on the wrong side of the main issue.

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majority of the Republican legislators demanded it and he withdrew.

The pledge which was fatal to his hopes was written apparently to be shown the two Populists, in the hope it might gain their votes. It was in the handwriting of a prominent Republican, who was supporting Hunter, but who is a gold standard man himself, and is stated to be given a collector's ticket, with Senator Deboe's approval.

The pledge was shown to the Populists and brought back. Hunter was informed that there was no immediate use for the paper. It was handed to him at his headquarters while a Bradley emissary stood by, waiting to get hold of it. Hunter was purposely engaged in a conversation and the pledge was stolen, while he thought it had been destroyed. The man who got it took it directly to the office of Gov. Bradley, and it was deposited in the office safe, where it remained until the day on which it was produced in the joint assembly.

After Hunter's forced withdrawal the fight assumed a different phase. Bradley was in the saddle and the dependents of the governor's office were now desperately aggressive, instead of lukewarm. Boyle had been chosen, though Deboe on one of the ballots was actually nominated. Only the breaking up of the caucus prevented him from being declared the nominee. Bradley was behind him then, but could not wholly control the caucus. Boyle, however, talked to suit Bradley and got the governor's aid. The details of the fight which followed have become history. The Republican House arbitrarily unseated Mr. Kaufman, a Democrat. The Democratic Senate responded promptly by unseating Jones and James, two Republicans, and appointing Jack Chin and others sergeants at arms to see that the unseated senators did not get into the joint assembly. Then Governor Bradley made his star play. He called out the militia of the state and put the Kentucky state house under martial law. He said he was afraid some one would get hurt; he was also afraid that no one would be elected. Even with troops at their back the Republicans were unable to get the one vote necessary to elect. A Democratic jubilee was held in the Frankfort opera house on the night when the session closed. Jo Blackburn, Goebel, Bronston, and Jack Chin spoke to cheering thousands, while Bradley's soldiers were billeted in the court house yard. One incident should be noted here. A principal figure in this final effort of the governor was Noel Gaines, captain of a Frankfort militia company. He appears later, also.

The gathering of the present legislature seemed to mean the immediate election of a senator. In filling vacancies the Republicans had gained two votes, giving them a full quorum. They merely had to get together and elect. Again Hunter, whose support has always been genuine, was able to control the caucus. He was reinstated as the nominee, despite Bradley's efforts to defeat him. The governor came into the daylight. He electioneered for Deboe like a wild heeler at a city convention; the sheer persistence of the fight won. Nine out of ten of the thinking men of the Republican side were against Deboe.

They reluctantly bowed to the will of party government which bound them to the nominee. Even when Deboe was denying the authenticity of free silver letters published over his own signature, the Republicans who opposed him were afraid to do what Bradley and Hunter had done. They voted for a nominee for United States senator who could not make the church, Halean, Montana.

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CIVIL SERVICE.

Some Plain Statements About the Modern Humbug.

Henry Alfred Lewis, in his Washington letter to the New York Journal says:

The Republicans are afraid of civil service. "Beware the Mugwump," they say and go softly about civil service, hating yet fearing that transnational humbug. When Cleveland, the Worst, was King, in the rotten last hours of his reign, he threw the mantle of civil service over every porch and place of government he could.

This was because Cleveland the Worst aims at a Presidency in 1900. He sought to bind this army of tax eaters be it aimed to buckler against a misfortune to his interests by grateful chains. And now, naturally, the McKinley Hannanites seek to destroy the civil service extensions of Cleveland the Worst.

My advice to the Republicans is to tear up by the roots the whole fool system. It is worthless from either a public or private standpoint. The only use for civil service is to put an excuse in the mouths of Congressmen when constituents they don't love ask for offices they don't want them to get.

"It's under the civil service," say these Congressmen, and thus civil service the constituents, and their unloved applications out of doors. When a sharp statesman wants an office for relative or friend he gets it. But the fact of civil service causes the creation of many a new perch. It is easier with civil service to make a place than empty one. As a come out the Government has five times as much help as it needs, at twice the salary the help could earn anywhere else. I have seen eleven clerks at an average of over \$17,000 annual stipend addressing envelopes wherein Congressmen were so dispensable.

That was all these high priced persons did. A six' coltboy of twelve could have done the work as well, and he would have done much more of it in a day than one of them did in a week. By this excellent device the cost of mailing \$31,000 worth of seeds was elevated to \$51,000. This is only a sample brick from a yard where millions of like sort can be found.

THE SECOND STONE WALL.
The indictments so complicated matters that Hunter's election was plainly impossible. He remained a candidate until he had received a vote of confidence and then he withdrew. Here was the chance of the Bradley—Deboe combination. But Dr. Hunter had learned that Deboe was a tool of Bradley and so had a number of Republicans. At the last moment Hunter tried to throw his support to Geo Todd, mayor of Louisville. Deboe went into the caucus with only a remnant of the Hunter forces. Up to this time Bradley's operations had been secret, but he showed his hand in the caucus when Deboe was five votes short of nomination. An emissary from the governor's office sent a message from the cloak room and the five bolters went to Deboe and nominated him. Then the governor came into the daylight. He electioneered for Deboe like a wild heeler at a city convention; the sheer persistence of the fight won.

The Cuban forces have increased in numbers since the time of their arrival in Cuba, but on account of their policy and peculiar methods of warfare they are pursuing the plan of harassing the Spanish army by means of guerrilla tactics. He expresses the firm conviction, I understand, that the rebels would be successful in driving the Spaniards from the island. The Spanish authority in Cuba, according to the Consul General, is in a very bad plight. On the other hand, the insurgent cause seems to be gaining ground. The policy is one of delay, and they seem to be more confident than ever that a consequence of pursuing it they will be successful in achieving their independence. It is true they avoid a pitched battle with Gen. Weyler's forces, but just as soon as the Spanish troops leave one province they resume operations in it. The Spaniards are discontented, because of the failure to get paid.

When wear begins to exceed repair in your body you are going to fall sick. The sign of it are the loss of flesh, paleness, weakness, nervousness, etc. The repair needed is food. You think you eat enough, and yet you wear out more tissue, energy, nerve force, than your food makes for you. The difficulty is that this is not digested enough, and that this is so serious it is worth sitting down seriously to study about it. If you can't digest what you eat, take a few doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial. The effect of it will be to increase your flesh and to make you feel stronger; you won't fall sick. Proof that it is in control of your repair apparatus; it's easy enough to test this for yourself; take a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

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That report that Gov. Bradley was going to resign has gone glimmering.

A third negro has been lynched near Jeff, Ala., for the poisoning of the Kelly family.

Perhaps the panic has caused the failure in the management of the Kentucky prisoners.

President McKinley will visit the Tennessee Centennial Exposition on Ohio day in June.

It is said that Gov. Bradley will resemble the legislature if the anti-mob law is not passed.

A Crittenden county man—E. T. Franks—is parcelling out the post office pie in the second district.

Blackburn and Carlisle press streets without saying as much to each other "shows your health."

French wine growers in the department of Yonne estimate at \$4,000,000 the damage done by a recent heavy frost.

Lieut. Governor Worthington has established the fact that he is not a nonentity after all. He can do something—he can "cuss."

The constitutional limit to the Legislature will be reached tomorrow. Let us be thankful that there is a constitution with its environments.

Senators Geobel and Bronston constitute the larger part of the Kentucky Senate. Without them the Democrats in that body would be helpless.

The Legislature has under consideration a mob violence bill that ought to pass. The ridiculous idea of making the county pay for damages done by a mob has been eliminated.

In a recent article in the New York Journal Mr. Bryan says there can be no compromise on the financial issue, that is the paramount issue and must remain so until the himetists win.

Senator Deboe is reported as saying that he is going to take care of the "sound money" Democrats. Wonder what he will do for the Pops? The soup will be mighty thin by the time it gets to them.

The total assessed value of property in Kentucky this year, according to figures given out by the State Board of Equalization is \$550,000,000, as against \$570,000,000 last year.

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Ordinarily little importance would be attached to the fact that the Kentucky legislature has passed a bill transferring Marion, Crittenden county, from a town of the sixth class to one of the fifth, but when it is remembered that this is the home of the Hon. Ollie James, the voice, if not the soul of the silver cause in the Purchase, its significance becomes apparent. It is not claimed for Marion that it has gained in population and resources; it is simply felt that a city which is the abiding place of so much lung power is entitled to a more respectful consideration on the map.—Courier-Journal.

Now here is the cast down idol, the deposed high priest, the Benedict Arnold of the Southern Democracy, decrying and denying our material growth. Not satisfied with misrepresenting our interests in a political way, the Courier Journal unhesitatingly announces that "it is not claimed for Marion that it has gained in population and resources." If those who know Marion and her growth of population in the past few years will measure all of the Courier Journal's editorials by the one just quoted, no argument will be needed to convince him that Anauia is doing business on earth again, and that his headquarters are at Louisville.

The "lung power" of Ollie James is a source of constant annoyance to the "old has been." The trouble is that the "lung power" of Western Kentucky's gifted speaker has driven the Courier-Journal from the homes of Western Kentucky's Democrats, and the ex-President, the old "once was" has a grievance against that "lung power."

Let the heather rage. With Ollie James at home, Marion is entitled to be a fifth class city, for his development is, within itself, a gain in our resources. If he will continue to make the "galled jade wince," we have a hope that the Democracy of the State will look upon Marion as a real first class city.

David B. Hill has broken the impenetrable silence that has surrounded him since he straddled the political fence last fall. In an interview a few days ago he said: "For men who vot for McKinley to hoist of fidelity to Democracy is egregiously ridiculous." Not altogether satisfied with this assertion he goes a little further, and makes this rap at his ancient enemy: "Judging from what I understand the ex-President to have said at the Reform Club dinner—for I did not get time to read the address—he is still for war and party division. I am not with him in this."

It is something to know that the New York Sphinx is opposed to the Cleveland combination, even if he hasn't the nerve to say that he is with the true Democracy.

With Watter son charging upon the failed idol from this quarter, and Hill leading another opposing brigade from the Empire State, and the people everywhere outspoken against the stolid prophet, the ex-President may yet be convinced that he is really not the United States.

To the Voters of Crittenden County.

At the earnest solicitation of my friends from all political parties, and in the meantime having received the nomination of my party, I do very willingly announce that I am a candidate for reelection to the office of county court clerk, and if elected, promise you a faithful discharge of the duties of said office. I feel thankful and do appreciate the favors you have shown me in the past, and I trust that no official or other act of mine has caused any one to regret the interest you have so manifested in my behalf in the past; and should you, by your influence and votes at the next November election, again favor me with said office, I will appear in the favor as much as possible for man to do, and will use my best endeavors to make you a faithful and efficient officer, showing no distinction or partiality to any one on account of policies, position, creed or color.

Your obdt servt and friend,
D. Woods.

May 14, 1897.

President McKinley has sent a Cuban message to Congress, but there is not a line in it to show that he has a single sympathetic emotion for the struggling Cubans. With a single drop of ink he could have electrified the country, but Presidents, it seems, are as soulless as corporations. The Republicans do well to treasure the name of James G. Blaine; nothing living is as deserving of praise as the memory of the man who had a real foreign policy. The blood of Cubans may flow in a cause dear to that for which our heroes of 1776 fought, but, officially, we have no word of cheer for them. Brothers may struggle to rise from the grinding of a tyrant's heel, but our flag, it seems, is too selfish to unfurl itself from the heights upon which it has been planted, to point the way to freedom for others.

Suicide at Princeton.

Princeton, Ky., May 18.—W. T. King, a middle-aged man staying at the Bank Hotel, this city, committed suicide last night by taking morphine. King lives in Trigg county, near Cerulean Springs, and is a brother of Watten King, of Wallonia. He came to town yesterday considerably under the influence of liquor and retired about 8 o'clock. He did not make his appearance to breakfast this morning and upon investigation was found dead.

The Potion Proved Fatal.

Sturgis, Ky., May 17.—William Gregg the prominent young farmer who took a dose of corrosive sublimite with suicidal intent yesterday died today in great agony. He had put up a tombstone for himself and wife before committing suicide.

NEWS NOTES.

Ex-Senator Coke, of Texas, is dead. A St. Louis court recently fined a man fifty dollars for spitting on the floor of a street car.

By the wrecking of a train on a railroad in Russia one hundred soldiers were killed.

Stephen R. Mallory was elected to the United States Senate by the Florida legislature.

New Rosebud, Texas, three negroes were hung by a mob. They had attempted to outrage a girl.

Mrs. Langtry, the Jersey Lily, has secured a divorce from her English husband at Lakeport, Cala.

On the twenty fifth last the Florida legislature elected Stephen R. Mallory United States Senator.

Train robbers held up a Southern Pacific train in Texas and secured about ten thousand dollars from the express car.

In New York 16,000 tailors are on a strike, and within a week it is likely that the movement will include 35,000 persons.

The city treasurer, J. H. Doering, of Bellville, Ills., committed suicide by hanging himself. He was short in his accounts.

Two persons were killed during a severe wind and rain storm at Waco, Tex. The Brazos river rose ten feet in thirty minutes.

Henry Scott and a man named Corbett were killed in a four hand shooting match in Leslie county. The other two participants in the affair were badly wounded.

Four men were killed, two others fatally injured, and another badly scalded by the explosion of a saw and grist mill boiler near Randolph, Ky.

There is a heavy falling off in the number of immigrant arrivals in New York. There was a decrease of 11,439 in April as compared with last year.

The Ohio Democrats will hold their State convention on the same day that the Republican convention is held.

Elverton R. Chapman, who refused to testify before the Senate committee regarding Senators who speculated in Sugar Trust stock, has begun his jail sentence at Washington.

According to a Havana paper Consul General Lee denies that his report attacks Gen. Weyler, or asserts that the insurgents will be successful in driving the Spaniards from the island.

Spanish newspapers are talking saucily about American interference in Cuban affairs, meaning the proposal that the United States Government should relieve American citizens.

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MCKINLEY SPEAKS.

In a Message to Congress He Recommends an Appropriation.

FOR AMERICANS IN CUBA.

Washington, May 17.—President McKinley this afternoon sent his Conference message to Congress. It has caused a great stir.

The president states that official information from the Cuban consul confirms the report that many Americans are destitute and in want of food and medicine. Particularly is this the case in the central and eastern parts of the island.

Continuing, Mr. McKinley says:

"Americans have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns, where they were without work or money. The local authorities of these towns are unable to relieve the distress of our citizens. Consul Lee estimates that 800 Americans are without means of support. I assure him that provision would be made immediately. I recommend an appropriation \$50,000 for this purpose immediately, under the secretary of state, with authority to use some of it for the transportation of American citizens who desire to return to the United States."

[Signed.] Wm. McKinley.

The senate immediately acted on the message and, without a division, passed a resolution to carry into effect the message.

In the House Bailey, of Texas, objected to the amendment by embodying Morgan's resolution for the recognition of Cuban belligerent rights. Dingley objected to the amendment, and Bailey's objection prevented a consideration of the bill.

LIVELY TIMES.

The Legislature Doing Business at the Old Stand.

Frankfort, Ky., May 18.—By G—d, sir, I am the presiding officer, and I shall stand on my constitutional rights."

The above is the language used by the Lieut. Governor in the Senate yesterday.

"I don't propose to be run over," shouted Bronston, "by a tyrant and—" He, too, was white with rage, and shaking his clenched hand, he was interrupted by President pro tem Goebel, who in a low voice said to him from the chair, "Keep still, don't notice him, address your remarks to me."

Mr. Bronston then began to speak on his appeal, but he could not be heard and said very little. Mr. Noe, addressing President Worthington, moved to adjourn. The motion was put and carried unanimously by the "Big Senate." President Worthington left the chair hastily and walked into the cloak room. As he was passing out Mr. Bronston said:

"Let him go, he's not the presiding officer, he's the leader of the mob."

It all grew out of an attempt to pass a bill contrary to the rules of the Senate. The Lieut. Governor ruled that he could count a quorum, whether the members present voted or not. Upon this ruling an appeal was taken, and the Lieut. Governor failed to vacate the chair to let Goebel put the question of appeal; and then the fun began. Goebel got a chair of his own, and a part of the Senate recognized him as the presiding officer, and a part stood by Worthington. Finally a temporary peace was patched up, and there was an adjournment.

Tracked by Bloodhounds.

Shawneetown, Ills., May 15.—John Spaulding, the negro who outraged an eight year old girl in Hopkinsville, Ky., on the 13th inst., was captured yesterday by John Houston, of Morganfield. Bloodhounds tracked him to where he was captured. A posse from Hopkinsville secured Union county for him yesterday. Officers took him in charge but it is believed he will not reach the place where the crime was committed. He was asleep in an old wagon when captured, and offered no resistance.

Favor Free Coinage.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—The Virginia Democratic Association of this city passed strong resolutions in favor of the free coinage of silver. They put themselves on record as being violently opposed to the nomination of any man for office this year who does not stand upon the Chicago platform. The Association is composed largely of Washington business and professional men, and each year raises considerable money to help run the campaign in Virginia.

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A CARD



We are glad to announce to the people of Crittenden and adjoining counties that we have purchased the

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stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Carpets, etc., of Pickens Cassidy & Co. This stock we believe to be the

Best Selected, Cheapest, Cleanest, Highest Grade

stock of goods ever brought into this county and we are prepared to offer you prices on every thing in our line that will defy competition.

We have permanently located here and intend to pay

Spot Cash

for every dollars worth of goods that crosses our threshold. We intend to have the advantages of the very best markets or the country and to buy our goods

Only Where the Dollar Buys the Most.

Will you do likewise? If so, do yourselves the justice of examining our stock, of getting our prices, before making your purchases. You certainly would have nothing to lose, but all to gain. We will guarantee you kind and courteous treatment and will, at all times, appreciate the opportunity of showing you our goods. We shall handle only

Good, Clean, Honest Goods.

No worthless trash, but you will find our store crowded at all times with a strictly up-to-date stock, and on which will always be placed the lowest possible price that can be had.

Honest goods, honest and fair dealings, kind and courteous treatment, quick sales and small profits shall be our motto.

We are also very glad to inform you that we have been most fortunate in finding the services of Mr. G. C. Gray, who will be very glad to see his old friends and customers to come and see him.

Earnestly soliciting your patronage we are

YOURS TRULY

J. H. CLIFTON & SONS
NEW MASONIC BUILDING.

The Press.

R. C. WALKER, Publisher.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Fresh lime at

Cochran & Baker's.

New goods at Fohs'.

German millet at J. P. Pierce's.

Strawberries are plentiful.

Chinch bugs are on the wheat.

Some complaint of cutworms.

Saturday week is Decoration Day.

Some mud holes in the public roads yet.

J. W. Skelton is writing life insurance.

Business about the court house is very dull.

Children's day at the Methodist church Sunday.

Wheat in the Salem valley is reported as looking fine.

Marshal Loyd has commenced his spring street work.

Mr. Evans opened his Normal School Monday with 26 pupils.

Bird Barger is rejoicing at the ad-

vent of a new boy at his home.

Enoch Hunter, colored, died a few days ago. He had consumption.

John Nunn, son of Judge Nunn, has been granted license to practice law.

No bids were made under the pro-

posed Marion and Ford Ferry mail route.

According to reports the tobacco crop in this county will be compara-

tively small.

On the 16th marriage license were

issued to Mack N. Holston and Miss Irene Woodall.

Mr. M. N. Morrill is building a

residence on his farm. Sam Hurst

is the contractor.

Last Thursday at this place Thos. Clifton turned the samples of C. M. Henderson & Co. over to S. M. Jenkins.

All accounts and notes due

must be paid. I am bound to have

the money.

A. F. Griffith,

It always pays to get the best, and if you want to get the very best fertilizers you will find them at J. P. Pierce's.

Tuesday the little son of Mr. Lem Sisco was thrown from his horse and sustained a broken arm as the result

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1895 and 1896 to June 1st, with in-

structions to report all tax delinquent

at that time for levy. Please settle

and save cost.

Rev. Willis Brown and son returned

from Paducah a few days ago; they

report seven cases of divine healing

while there. They have arranged for

another meeting in that city next

month. Rev. Brown complains that

the papers of that city misrepresented

him by making the impression in their

reports that he claimed the power of

divine healing, when this power he

holds of God alone, and is exercised

only when the patient has the necessary faith.

Some days ago Mrs. T. J. Babb, of

Salem, went to Kansas City to con-

sult Dr. Carson, a cancer doctor,

whose circulars and letters had led

her to hope that he could cure her.

Her stay in Kansas City was very

short. The much lauded doctor

wanted \$10 in advance as an exami-

nation fee, and \$25 in advance for

the treatment. Mrs. Babb was wise

enough to sum up the situation, and

very wisely returned home without

making a futile outlay of money.

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May 18, 1897.

PERSONAL.

Wilson Lamb, of Sturgis, is in town.

J. W. Guess, of Tolu, was in town yesterday.

Charlie Cook returned to Henderson yesterday.

Miss Laura Hurley returned from Lola Monday.

Mr. S. R. Cassidy is spending this week at Nashville.

Chas Nickell returned to Grand Rivers, yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Moore went to Elizabethtown, Ills., Tuesday.

Joe and Bat Phillips, of Tolu, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. R. R. Pickering, of Princeton, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen Lowery, of Carrsville, is the friend in Marion.

Mr. Geo Nunn, the Weston merchant was in town Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Hardwick, of Dixon, is the guest of friends in Marion.

Rev. R. D. Bennett and wife, of Tolu, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Nora Neal, of Denison, Tex., is visiting friends in Marion.

Miss Mamie Boyd, of Tolu, is the guest of Miss Mabel Kevil.

Mr. O. M. James is at Nashville this week, taking in the exposition.

Mr. Josie Wilson of Cider was the guest of Mrs. Henry Wilson last week.

Mr. G. H. Hammond left Tuesday for Evansville. He goes to look for a location.

Mrs. Sallie Olive is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lester, at Elizabeth, town, Ills.

Mr. Hines Breeding, united with the Methodist church, at this place Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Love and wife of Marion were guests of friends in Marion Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Bettie Shepherd, of Tolu, was the guest of friends in Marion Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Daniel Travis was the guest of Mr. G. M. Russell's family Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Harvey King and wife, and Miss Etie Mitchell, of Shady Grove, were in town shopping Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Thomas will visit relatives in Clarksville, returning next month to begin her music class.

Mr. K. H. Woods, of Livingston county, came up Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. J. H. Hawkins.

Mr. G. L. Rankin's family moved to Weston Monday. They resided in Marion during the continuance of the school.

Misses Alice Fritts and Minnie Brasier, of Caldwell Springs, spent Saturday with Mrs. Sam Thurman, near Marion.

Misses Eva Nunn and Elia Sullivan, of Bells Mines, attended the closing exercises of the school at this place last week.

Misses Mettie and Bertie Wiggin, of Caldwell county, attended the commencement exercises of the school at Marion last week.

Mr. J. W. Blue left Tuesday to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at Charlotte N. C. He will be absent about ten days.

Mrs. Myrtle Thurman and daughter Stella and Lulu were the guests of Sam Thurman's family Thursday and Friday, and took in the school exhibition.

W. H. Watson was in town Wednesday en route to his home at Carrsville. He has been attending school at Auburn, and was called home by

his serious illness of his father.

Prof. A. M. Miller, of the State College of Kentucky, was in town yesterday, looking after the interest of the college. He attended the teachers' institute here last year, and made friends for the College, as well as for himself.

Miss Pearl Cook of Marion entered Western Kentucky Normal School yesterday. Miss Cook wishes to make a specialty of the study of methods, and will remain for the special teachers' class commencing on Tuesday, June 1st.—Marion Daily Mail.

Quarterly Conference.

The Methodists held their quarterly conference at their church here Monday morning, Rev. C. S. Allen, the presiding elder, in charge. After hearing the reports, Messrs. H. T. Cochran, P. H. Woods and John Moore were appointed a committee to raise the funds necessary to pay off the parsonage debt.

Rev. Allen preached to large congregations Sunday morning and evening, and the people were delighted with his sermons.

When the springtime comes "gen de Aunle," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Raisers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year. At Haynes drug store.

OUR SCHOOL CLOSES.

A Year of Successful Work and Something to Show For It.

Flowers, Music and Oratory.

The closing exercises of Marion Graded School were held in the open house Thursday and Friday nights of last week, and each night the house was packed with people—people from all parts of this county, from Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties, and all bearing testimony to the high appreciation in which the school is held by the public.

No institution of learning in this section of Kentucky has more friends none have ever grown so rapidly in public favor, and none has built up a firmer foundation and more richly merited the good will as well as liberal patronage of a public around to the necessity of an institution of this character.

Three years ago Marion was practically in the wilderness, so far as schools were concerned. While there was an inviting field the people had not, and it seemed could not, agree upon any plan for the establishment of a school. Finally a few friends of education, as well as friends of our beautiful little city, decided to ask the people to vote a tax for the purpose of building a "house worthy of the town and the cause." When the proposition was placed before the people, and was understood, it practically met the approval of every one and for the first time in years Marion's people united their efforts for the establishment of a school that would be a credit to the county. The tax was voted, the house built, and then came the delicate and important task of selecting a principal. Applications came in from all directions, experienced teachers from other states, men who had established reputations in educational fields, were anxious to hold of our school. Finally, after mature deliberation, the trustees by unanimous vote selected Mr. C. H. Evans, a young man from Marion county. He had a local reputation, and had been successful in his own county. His devotion to his calling, his earnestness, his energy, as well as the good name his home people gave him, decided the board in his favor, and he was placed in charge of the school at the critical period in its history. The phenomenal success of the school bears strong testimony of the wisdom of the board in selecting Mr. Evans. From the very beginning the school began to grow in public favor, and each year opposition and differences have melted away, and at the close of this term, so far as the Press has been able to learn, there is not a dissenting voice to the management. On the other hand, the patrons of the school are more than gratified at the work of Mr. Evans and his efficient corps of teachers. The words of praise that have descended the closing exercises, on all hands, is gratifying to the teachers, to the trustees, and to all friends of education in the community. A better investment was never made than the few thousand dollars Marion has put in her school. A wise selection was never made than the one made when Mr. Evans was placed at the head of the school; and no mistakes were made when Misses Browning, Moore, Cook and Clement, and Mr. Gray were chosen as assistants. The speeches were all good.

Nineteen of the graduates came from Miss Alice Browning's room—the eighth grade—where the common school branches are completed, and it is needless to say that the teacher was warmly congratulated on every hand. She has demonstrated her ability to handle the eighth grade as successfully as any "Lord of creation."

The young people handled their subjects well. There are some orators and writers among them.

When the programme was finished scores of bouquets had accumulated on the stage.

J. H. Hawkins Dead.

Mr. J. H. Hawkins, one of the oldest citizens of Marion, died very suddenly at the home of Mr. A. M. Witherspoon Saturday evening. He was apparently in good health and spirits

